THE

GLEMSFORD URBAN DISTRICT.

In the Administrative County of West Suffolk, and the Sudbury Union.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1915.

Prepared in accordance with the Regulations of the Local Government Board.

Population 1891, 2375; 1901, 1975; 1911, 1499. Area in Acres, 2246. Number of persons per acre, 0·6.

Physical site, on boulder clay above the Stour Valley, chalk underlying at depth of 130 ft.

Chief Occupation and Industries—Agriculture, Hair-weaving, Hair-drawing, and Mat-making.

The Parish of Glemsford obtained Urban powers in 1896. Prior to this formed part of the Melford Rural District.

Vital Statistics.

Births. The number of births registered during the year was only 19, equivalent to a birth rate of 12·6 per 1000 of the population. The birth-rates during the previous seven years were as follows:

	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.
Births	30	28	29	26	28	29	30	19
Birth-rate	15·1	14·7	15·1	17·3	18·6	19·2	20·0	12·6

Deaths. The number of deaths from all causes registered during the year was 15, to which have to be added 1 death belonging to the district, which occurred outside the district, making the total deaths 16, equivalent to a death rate of 10·6 per 1000 of the population. The deaths and death-rates during the previous seven years were as follows:

	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.
Deaths	22	24	27	26	28	19	29	16
Death-rate	11·1	12·6	13·5	17·3	18·6	12·5	19·3	10·6

Infantile Mortality. 2 deaths of children under one year of age occurred.

General Mortality. From pulmonary tuberculosis 1 death occurred. From cancer there was one death, from heart diseases 4, and from bronchitis and pneumonia 2 deaths.

Notifiable Diseases.

The district has been very free of Zymotic diseases the only case notified was one of diphtheria, a soldier home on leave, a mild attack.

Pulmonary Tuberculosis. Two cases were notified, one a girl was removed to sanatorium, the other an elderly women died, the house etc. were disinfected.

Other Forms of Tuberculosis. Only one case affecting the lymphatic glands was notified.

Non-Notifiable Diseases.

The district has been very free of these during the year, Influenza colds were prevalent among the School Children just before the Christmas Holiday, and the Infant School was closed a few days earlier.

The Sanitary Report of the Surveyor and Inspector of Nuisances, Mr. H. L. Taylor.

Action taken under part I. of the Housing, &c. Act, 1909.

1.	The number of dwelling houses inspected under and for the purpose of section 17 of the act	20
2.	,, ,, of dwelling houses which on inspection were considered to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	1
3.	,, ,, representations made to the local authority, with a view to the making of closing orders	0
4.	,, ,, closing orders made	0
5.	,, ,, of dwelling houses the defects in which were remedied without the making of closing orders	1
6.	,, ,, of dwelling houses which after making closing orders were put into a fit state for human habitation	0
7.	,, ,, of dwelling houses voluntarily demolished	4

Water Supply. The number of houses and premises now connected with the public supply is 331. The consumption per head per day, for all purposes is 4.82 gallons.

Sewers and Drains. Four ditches which take foul water have been cleaned out during the year.

General Report.

Number of new pail closets erected	1
,, ,, ,, substituted for cesspool privies	1
,, of Nuisances remedied by written notices	21
,, of Nuisances remedied by verbal notices	18
,, of Factories and workshops inspections	22
,, of Bake houses inspected	5
,, of out-workers premises	17
,, of General sanitary inspections	178

Systematic as well as constant special inspections have been made during the year, as embodied in this report.

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